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In re: Kendall, et al. Docket No.: IR-2795(EC)
Serial No.: 09/888,793 Filing Date: 6/25/2001
Examiner: Robert D. Harlan Art Unit: 1713
For: "Metathesis Polymerization Adhesives and Coatings"

December 19, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Reply after Final Rejection Mailed Dec. 8, 2003

Sir:

Claims are canceled, and consolidated, and issues are reduced for the purpose of appeal.

Remarks

Applicants believe certain details of the Giadarello et al, US 6,409,875 which are distinguishing in this case may have not been completely appreciated. This patent discloses adhesion agents that are combined with a "polyolefin" resin polymer to improve its adhesion to various substrates. These agents differ from the classic coupling agents known in the art. The "polyolefin" is a metathesis polymer. (Col. 2, line 20) The adhesion agent has two moieties. One of the moieties is an olefin compound and is "metathesis- active". This means it is active to a cross-metathesis reaction to the metathesis polymer applied to the compound located at the substrate surface. The meaning of cross-metathesis in the context of Giardello, et al is that the metathesis polyolefin is formulated to contain a metathesis catalyst, and when the polymer comes into contact with the adhesion agent located on the substrate surface, the adhesion agent acts at the surface of the polymer to cross-metathesize to it, and this agent becomes a tie